

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 17 are pending in this application with claims 1 and 14 being amended by this response.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 USC 101 as failing to recite statutory subject matter.

Independent method claims 1 and 14 are amended to recite “employing at least one computer system” for performing the claimed steps. Thereby claims 1 and 14 recite a special purpose computer for performing operations not performable by a general purpose computer. Further, the claims transform worker tasks and a worker task schedule in a substantial way and alters physical work performed. This is not mere insubstantial post-solution activity but a transformation of data that has a real world physical consequence affecting work performed. Consequently, it is deemed that this ground of Rejection is no longer applicable and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Consequently withdrawal of the Rejection of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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Respectfully submitted,



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